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re Jensen

Dear Sandy--

I enjoyed talking to you. Let me return some general comments on the scene with some critical footnotes on a piece I wrote in '69:

1. This effort at experimenter-influence (on Jensen's behavior) was disappointing.
2. Well, my prediction was gloomier than your fact. Plainly I underestimated possibilities of harmonization; or perhaps your community is atypically well situated. Would you have had as good an outcome in Boston?
3. These are my main points; and I guess I would still incline to them, but less dogmatically in the light of your results.
4. What about the postnatal nutrition, physical health of your adoptees?

Josh

PS Even before seeing your data, Betty asked me whether you had corrected for the difference between B/W vs. B/B kids! The very fact that the ADOPTIVE parents differ speaks to selective placement on at least that criterion; which does make me worry about the whole study. You do fairly present that confounding at 735-6. (It may also occur in the initial classification of the mothers as B vs W.)



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